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SUBJ: USSR-FRENCH COOPERATION IN SPACE TEN YEAR CELEBRATION
IN LENINGRAD

1. DURING SEP 21 MEETING WITH VERESHCHETIN (REPORTED SEPTEL)
SCICOUNS ASKED ABOUT SEPT 8-17 LENINGRAD CONFERENCE WITH
FRENCH SPACE OFFICIALS. VERESHCHETIN SAID THIS YEAR'S MEETING WITH
THE FRENCH WAS A PARTICULARLY LARGE AFFAIR IN CELEBRATION OF TEN
YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

2. THERE WERE OVER 200 SOVIET AND 80 FRENCH SPECIALISTS AT THE
MEETING INCLUDING LEADING FRENCH SPACE OFFICIALS: PROFESSORS
DENISE, KURIEN, AND LEVY. THE MEETING IN LENINGRAD WAS BROKEN
DOWN INTO WORKING GROUPS TO DISCUSS JOINT THEMES SUCH AS EXPLORATION,
OF EARTH MAGNETIC ANOMOLIES
ON KERGUELEN ISLAND, BALLOON EXPERIMENTS, AND RADIOSONDES.
(A SEPTEMBER 18 TASS REPORT OF THE MEETING, "SOVIET-FRENCH
COOPERATION IN SPACE EXPLORATION", PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION).

3. VERESHCHETIN EXPRESSED MUCH SATISFACTION WITH SOVIET-FRENCH
SPACE COOPERATION AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE ANNUAL MEETINGS
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HELD ALTERNATIVELY IN FRANCE AND THE USSR, BUT ALWAYS IN A

DIFFERENT FRENCH OR SOVIET CITY. VERESHCHETIN NOTED RUEFULLY THAT
THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO HOLD SUCH REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE US
HAD NOT BEEN FAVORABLY VIEWED AT NASA.
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